

Stjepan Matičević's Thoughts on Education

The paper portrays the figure and work of Stjepan Matičević, the first and only educationist who rightfully obtained the title of academician. He dealt with primary issues in education, which should be no less interesting to the pedagogical public today. Although his works are pedagogically original, they are scientifically based. He talks a lot about education and the pupil, strongly emphasizing the need for finding the answer to the eternal question – What is education? He finds the solution in the philosophy of education itself, which is indispensable in school education, because it attempts to offer a convincing answer to this important question. The first part of the paper portrays the historical context and the circumstances in which Stjepan Matičević grew up and worked, and the second part refers to his work, i.e. the pedagogical trends from the chosen texts. It is very important to shed light on his contribution to pedagogy, not only in Croatia, but also around the world, as well as to realize how inspiring his work is for the present, increasingly important, transformations of the Croatian school system.

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